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Hugh Wang

Re: US Patent Application No. 08/974,584

Dear Examiner Myers:

As discussed, I enclose a copy of the Preliminary Amendment that was submitted by facsimile on December 5, 2001.

Also, please note that a further Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was submitted by facsimile on December 13, 2001. A copy of the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

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Sir:

For:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 105-118 without prejudice to future prosecution or subsequent renewal.

Please add the following new claims:

-119. A recombinant or/synthetic polynucleotide encoding a protein that comprises each of the following structures: